Curtis Makes Safe and Sane Wars on Demand And at Times Acts as General for Both Armies

Battles That Would Amaze Sherman Conducted Without Casualty List Since "Sheridan" Fell Off Horse.

Learned Trick of Stage Directing by Making Show Keep Time With Balloon and Found His Vocation.

By GARDNER MACK.

The war business is picking up. Now please avoid the mistake of thinking some of that Vera Cruz stuff has spilled off the first page into this department. There is to be nothing of the kind here. The silly little war that is being waged more or less savagely in the cable offices and tank towns throughout Mexico must go a whole lot further before any of this pure reading matt on these pages. It is the easiest thing in the world to make that wars. One of the reasons mottled and splotched with em is that the clever-though sensitivepersons who write the words that cause the trouble rarely wait around until they are set to the music of actual battle. The business of heating national wrath to the boiling takes the form of an elongated pension roll or a set of thrilling moving pictures-usually has been initiated by rank amateurs. The professionals, who are called in to take up the job-to furnish raw material or the pension roll-seem always to be animated by a desire to have i over with as quickly as possible. The late General Sherman is generally credited with summing up war in all its various phases in one terse

But General Sherman did no such Would Amaze Sherman.

Right here and now let's kill that old fiction: General Sherman only knew one kind of war-the crudest, most barbarous and generally unde sirable kind. It was actually danger-

ous to life and limb! Men Joined his armies and were killed outright And houses were burned, farms looted, men and women made homeless. General Sherman, or any of the kind of warriors he associated with, would have laughed at a person who resented such treatment of soldiers. There were no limitations or laws soverning his kind of war-and yet he found it-what he said it was: What do you suppose General Sherman would have thought, if every time a man was hurt during a bat-tle, he faced a suit for damages for jersonal injury? What do you uppersonal injury; what do you appear to be do have called it if, when a man was killed, he'd been arrested for manslaughter? If, when he took a storchouse full of cotton and burned it he'd have been put in ja!! to answer to charges of grand larceny and arson? Knowing Gen-eral Sherman to have been a forcefol man it is difficult to conceive and absolutely against the law to print what he would have said.

Wars Made to Order.

And jet there are people who have to deal with just that kind of war! And regular war, too, with generals and soldiers and cannon and muskets and flags and theers and all the other paraphenalia. These reople not only make was of a perfectly safe and sane kind, but they do it to order. They can make any kind of war you want and will do it on a week's notice. And they never have any pension lists or any killed, wounded or prisoners. We discovered this was business Felix Mahoney and I, quite by accident. And we discovered it to be flourishing, right now. We were on our way to call on Edwin C. Curts, the stage director of the Poli Players, when a bit of noise on the top floor of Grand Army Hall attracted. our attention and we went up see what it was all about furnous

enough, we found Mr Corns te was gyrating up and down the lie was gyrating up and down the hall cost off, sleeves rolled up, snow-several groups of men armed with maskets, and scheduled to wear blue or gray uniforms when they were properly drilled, just how war should have be started, carried on and masket. He was the busiest little general since General Funston broke the swimming records for red headed goldiers swimming muddy rivers with imposethers. Filingings taking tool. ith impertment Filipinos taking pot

shots at them.
Curtis has it all over any general Most who ever wore a uniform Most generals feel they are done; their full duty when they take the remanages the affairs of both. He bents the built of and which will do and which will you begin before it happens. And then be zoes out and nees arones to do what he planned. Simple thing be to the And there he was that do making around placing the new neet they becomed indiving orders at them just her a regular

Battles All Safe and Sane. And he wanned them to see y

care tall at their games too Hermide

and one was hurt he would at he respectable for it. He said thetsene time admission has par coll the was trying to duplicate the amour i de of General Phendan rom Winchester, fell off the sten ladder with which I - was mounting ins had and broke his by that is ead to pay the hospital fees and doctors hills. Every since had been tery careful and has made his professions ips had railroad passes energy him of all responsibility. coneving him of all responsibility of the said hed started the paintender war was seek him engaged with in G. A. R. half amelst the idue and the Gray automotions in order to get atmosphere. Fix his eatched him several times at regular refusarsals I undergood, be no eithe atmosphere around Curris then was a pure blue, without a single if to gray to releve the monotony of color. An how, curtis wasn't satisfied with the war in the theater. He had to discharge two ermies before he got one that suited him and most of this one deserted after the first battle. However, when the curtain rises on the battle scere of "The Littlest Rebel" this scene of "The Littlest Rebel" this



summer, and it was while on vacation that Curtis discovered his particular talents lay in stage direction. He was engaged with a stock company at a pleasure park in Harrisburg. Pa., when this happened. The regular director happened to be off for a week or two. There was an aeronaut at the park, who made a balloon ascension and a parachute jump at 4 o'clock every afternoon. The company played a matinee every afternoon, putting on two plays a week. The theater had open sides, so that the audience could see out

on see he's one of the most el-

ficient stage directors in the busi-

ness. He has produced something

like 7,000 plays in the last twenty years, sometimes doing two a week. And when the pinch comes he can also jump in and act any part in

Curtis is a native of Philadelphia

Curtis is a native of Philadelphia —but he doesn't work at it much hie started out in life to be an engraver. That was in the days when it was necessary to carve things out in wood and then make electrotypes of them. Curtis served his time as an apprentice at his business and was just starting in to earn real money when the photograving ore.

money when the photograving pro-cess was invented, and his occupa-tion was gone. There being no open-ings in the bootblacking or truck-driving business at that time, he

turned to the stage and went on the road with Lillian Kennedy in "The Deacon's Daughter," which Annie Fixley once played.

Curtis played the part of a squire-a character part. He thinks Miss Kennedy was a charter member of the National Geographic Society.

ANACOSTIA.

The Anacostia Federation for Social

Service reported last evening that it

has obtained 600 signatures to the pe-

tadies of St. Teresa's Church are conducting a commage sale to raise

HYATTSVILLE.

Mother's Day" are very much in evi-

dence here today, and special services

The Real Charles L. DeLong, baster of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will officiate at both the moin-ing and elening services at the Brent-

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so that the audience could see out over the park.

Now, the stunt for the director of this theater was to so time his matinee that, no matter what the play, it ended at the minute the balloonist started his ascension. Of course, they could have gone on with the play while the halloon was rising—but they wouldn't have had an audience to play it to. Therefore it was necessary to have one of the actors watch the balloon. When it started up, the happy enuing must come, no matter what scene was on.

Curtis took charge of the company under protest, and, strangely

She was as great an explorer as she was an actress. She discovered more towns to utilize as one night stands for her show than all the railroad maps contain. The company was out the entire season, and did big pany under protest, and, strangely enough, he so timed things that the balloon started up and the curtain down as though they were counter-weights, every afternoon. Curtis made a big hit with the management business everywhere.
Curtis made a reputation for him-self with his part, right at the start, of the park, and they almost created and was offered a job in a stock com-

Anacostia, Hyattsville

to pay him \$2.50 extra to take over the directing job.

Turns Director for Good. When he returned to Brooklyn that fall he was given a chance to do some directing there, and, without the aid of a balloon or any other outside help, he made such a hit that he was taken off the acting end of the business entirely and made lirector.
The business of directing a stor

company is not all beer and skit-tles, as the poet might say. You see, the director is the man who is re-sponsible for the entire performance. he is given the manuscript of the play a week in advance of its being put in rehearsal. He must study it. ast the various actors for the parts best fitted to them, map out the best fitted to them, map out the scenery, arrange a program for music and lights, design the settings, invent a good part of the action, and then—in the moments me hasn't anything to do—teach the actors their parts and how to act them. Curtis has worked at this lifteen years with less than fifteen weeks vacation in that entire time. His services are in demand at stock theaters throughout the country. He has worked with companies in time has worked with companies in Cin-cinnati. Utica. Frovid-nce, Cleve-land, New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago and most of the other places where good stock companies are to be found. He first came to Washington about four years ago, as director

ROCKVILLE.

Members of the Methodist Episcopal to erect a new house of worship at cost of \$4,500. The Rev. Thomas S Davis is pastor.

The annual election of officers

wood Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His pulpit here will be filled by the Rev. A. W. Rudisill, former pastor of the Memorial Methodist Church. The Rev. Mr. Burney, of Washington, will officiate at the First Presbyterian bott the regent Mis. Elden J. Harthas obtained 600 signatures to the petitions which will be forwarded to the Excise Board asking that the suburb be declared a residential one, or that the liquor dealers in the section be refused a renewal of their licenses. The committee in charge of the house-to-house canvass estimated there are about 1,000 persons in Anacostia over twenty-one years of age, and eligible to sign the petition.

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The Rev. Martin P. Egan, assistant rector of St. Teresa's Church, said yesterday that it had been decided of hold the annual May procession of that the annual May procession of that the afternoon of Sunday, May Miss Agnes Reagan will be the queen" in the procession, and will select her attendants.

Miss Mary S. Leapley, who has conducted a dry goods store in Congress Heights for several years, has sold the store, and in June will enter in another lime of business.

The fire department has chosen the following delegates and alternates to the annual convention of the Maryland (gaithersburg last evening by the graduating class of Gaithersburg last evening by the graduating class of Gaithersburg last evening by the graduating class of Gaithersburg last evening hy the

Edgar W. Moore, next that or of ken-shigton, has appointed Dr. Eugene Iones, Dr. Thomas A. Geddes, and Al-tred C. Warthen members of the ad-Civic bodies in this section are to be busy during this week. Tomorrow even ink the Randle Highlands association william D. Pyles, George W. Rawlings. ing the Randle Highlands association will meet. The same evening the Public Improvement Association of Consider Improvement Association of Consider Improvement Association of Consider Improvement Association will meet. Wednesday evening the Anacostia association, and Thursday evening the original Garand Thursday evening the original Garand Thursday evening the original Garand Improvement Association will meet. Wednesday evening the original Garand Thursday evening the original Garand Thu

Ladies of St Teresa's Church are and one of the subdividual a commage sale to raise made to reduce the debt on the church shool.

C B. Chapman, station agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Rallicoed Company here, has been promoted to claim agent with headquarters in Raltimore, if e will assume his new duties on Suits have been tiled in the circuit court as follows: Jone W. Lawson against Eliza J. Darby, for sale of claim against Eliza J. Darby. Ann 3 Wilson agains Meadow Dany Company against My The baseball team representing the for \$125 Edward K. Fox ar west William F. Thomas, attachment for \$1.29. feated here vesterday afternoon by the local aggregation of ball tossers by the score of 6 to 5. The feature of the score of 6 to 5. The feature of the Zion Eaptist Church, it feeting of Money reasons was the pitching of Wilson when men were on the bags.

The annual all-lay meeting of Money Eaptist Church, it feeting is no progress to day. This afternoon Rev B D. Gaw, of Washington as in present The attendal all-lay meeting of Mon

The annual contention of the Epworth League of the District is to be
held Theesday and Wednesday of this
week in Douglas Memorial Church.
Washington. The Anacostia M. E.
Church will have a large delegation
there, composed of Raibh W. Williamson. Mrs. G. Lerov White. Joseph E.
Marshall, Mrs. Maude Fowler, Mrs.
William Benhoff, Frank Tew. Harvey
Townsend, Albert P. Invenner, Miss
Pearl Zirkle, and the Rev. G. Lerov
White. The Congress Heights Church
will also name a large delegation, to be
headed by the pastor, the Rev Merrit
Earl and the president of the local
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mained with that company one season, and at its end signed a con-tract with the Poli Company, which Knows Plays by Heart.

Curtis is a man of average size,

with a strong face and a tremendous amount of energy. He knows most of the principals' parts in practically all of the hig theatrical productions of the last generation, and could produce most of the plays from memory. He is a quiet, modest, unassuming sort of a person when he's off stage, and he is personally very popular with his accordance. popular with his associates, whom he rules with an iron hand. But it is as a maker of wars that Curtis is a particular star. Give him the raw materials and he'll cook up a mess of strife that will have all the gilt and glory and the other things that make up real war-that is, all except one. There'll never be a casualty list. When "General Sheridan" tell off that stepladder. Curtis closed his accounts of cilled and wounded. Any soldier under him that gets hurt now-does so at

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Two Companies Far Apart Rehearse For the Same

Production. By BEAU RIALTO.

NEW YORK, May 10.-Tomorrow eve ning the Frohmans will be able to tell whether they can hereafter be successful, in rehearsing two different come panies playing two different plays in two different parts of the country, with out stopping the performances of either one, with the idea of merging the two into a third production within four weeks.

Capitol Council, Maccabees National Tent. No. 1, Mount Vernon Tent. No. 4, Americalia Tent. No. 1, Mount Vernon Tent. No. 4, Americalia Tent. No. 1, Mount Vernon Tent. No. 6, Americalia Tent. No. 1, Mount Vernon Tent. No.

Ethel Barrymore and John Drew open Monday night in Sardou's "A Scrap of Paper," with Mr. Drew in Chicago and Miss Barrymore in Washington two weeks are he playing "The Tyranny of meganine floor, New Williard. Meeting Home Club, "Get Acquainted night," H Jackson place. Ethel Barrymore and John Drew open

Monday night in Sardou's "A Scrap of Paper," with Mr. Drew in Chicago and Miss Barrymore in Washington two weeks ago, he playing "The Tyranny of Tears," and Miss Barrymore in "Tante" theatrical followers here said it wasn't possible.

The Frohmans sent those members of the company who will appear in the principal scenes with Drew, to Chicago as members of "The Tyranny of Tears," company, and those members who appear in the principal scenes with Miss Barrymore to Washington as members of the "Tante" company, where they respectively rehearsed their parts. The Drew-Barrymore forces met last Sunday in Pittsburgh, and there held the first full rehearsal of "A Scrap of Paper" under the Nixon Theater. The rehearsal took all day and continued until midnight. When Drew and his company returned to Chicago, and Barrymore and her company went back to the south where she will complete her "Tante" season at Richmond. Roanoke, Lynchburg and Norfolk, Va.

"The Scrap of Paper" will be watched "Interstate Commerce Commission, hearing, Meeting Home Club, "Get Acquainted night," H Jackson place. TUESDAY.

Meetings Home Club, "Get Acquainted night," H Jackson place. No. 1: Acacia, No. 18: Takoma, No. 29: Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 7: Potomac, No. 8: De Molay Mounted Commandery, Knights Rose Croix, Scottish Rite; No. 7: Potomac, No. 8: De Molay Mounted Commandery, Knights Rose Croix, Scottish Rite; No. 7: Potomac, No. 8: De Molay Mounted Commandery, Knights Rose Croix, Scottish Rite; No. 7: Potomac, No. 8: De Molay Mounted Commandery, Knights Rose Croix, Scottish Rite; No. 7: Potomac, No. 8: De Molay Mounted Commandery, Knights Rose Croix, Scottish Rite; No. 7: Potomac, No. 8: De Molay Mounted Commandery, Knights Rose Croix, Scottish Rite; No. 7: Potomac, No. 8: De Molay Mounted Commandery, Knights Rose Croix, Scottish Rite; No. 7: Potomac, No. 8: De Molay Mounted Commandery, Knights Rose Croix, Scottish Rite; No. 7: Potomac, No. 8: De Molay Mounted Commandery, Knights Rose Croix, Scottish Rite; No. 7: Potomac, No. 8: De Molay Mounted

"The Scrap of Paper" will be watched with deep interest, for one season at least. It will be the first time Ethel Barrymore and John Drew will have appeared as co-stars, when they open stonday at the Garrick. Miss Barrymore is John Drew's niece.

We'll soon be able to learn what's in a name. Gilbert Mansfield, 16, son of the late Richard Mansfield, has deided to follow his father on the boards His mother has consented. Young Gil-bert, caring his father's lifetime never was permitted to enter a theater. He had his sectond experience behind the secence a few nights ago when he alled with his mother, whose stage name is Bestrice Cameron, on Miss Margaret Anglin, after her performance of "Tam-ing of the Shrew." Miss Anglin is an old triend of the Mansfield family. She owed her first opportunity as "Rozane" in "Cyrano de Bergerac" to Richard

For the first time in many, many moons an English actor has invaded the United States and here successful the first season. Prepared to lose \$10.00 introducing Cyrll Mauda, George Tyler today is far and away ahead of the game, and the theatrical game during the past season and during the season behind the past one for that matter has not been productive of many ter, has not ben productive of many successes. But Cyril Maude's success was more than merely a financial one. was more than merely a financial one. It was a distinct individual achievement, and few there are who saw "Grumpy" who begrudge him a penny. The play, "Grumpy," by the way, was two years on the market before it was produced. Charles Frohman had a chance at it but when he asked J. E. Dodson to play it, Dodson refused on the ground that he did not believe his beauth would stand up under the strain. ealth would stand up under the strain.

Senator Hoke Smith To Reply to O'Gorman

Senator Hoke Smith has announced that he will speak tomorrow on the canal tolls question. He will reply to the arguments of Senator O'Gorman, who recently opposed repeal.

Should the Senate not be in session Monday, on account of the memorial exercises for the marines and sallors at Brocklyn, Senator Smith will speak

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Masonic-Dawson Lodge, No. 16, F. C. Stansbury, No. 24; Lafayette, No. 19; Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 3; Hiram, No. 16; Anacostia, No. 12; Grand Commandery, Knights Templar: Temple Chapter, No. 12; Columbia, No. 15, Order of the Eastern Star.

Knights of Pythias-Decatur Lodge, No. 2; Calanthe, No. 11, and Equal, No. 17, Knights of Korassan.

Odd Fellows-Union Lodge, No. 11; Covenant, No. 12; Beacon, No. 15, and Langdon, No. 25; Eather Lodge, No. 5, Order of Rebakab.

National Union-Pressmen's Council, East Capitol Council.

Willard.

Interstate Commerce Commission hearing, megzanine floor and Cabinet room. New Willard.

Meatings of Traveling Representatives of Liquor Trade at 2 a. m. in Cabinet room. New Willard.

Meeting Washington Sunshine Society at 2 p. m., room 128. New Willard.

Lecture. Home Club, by Thomas Riggs, jr., on Alaska. 8 p. m. on Alaska, 8 p. m THURSDAY.

Meetings, evening: Masonic-The New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9: George C. Whiting, No. 22; E. A. Stans-

bury, No. 24, and Harmony, No. 17; Washington Chapter, No. 2, William F. Hunt Chapter, No. 16, Order Eastern Star, Knights of Pythias—Hermione Lodge, No. 12; Harmony, No. 21.

National Union—Washington Council, Fraternal Council, Census Council,
Maccabees—District Tent, No. 8,
Knights of Columbus—Keane Council,
Odd Fellows—Columbia Lodge, No. 12, Exceisior, No. 17, and Salem, No. 22,
National Wholesale Liquor Dealers Association Convention, New Willard,
Interstate Commerce Commission hearins,
mezzanine floor, New Willard,
Open House, dancing, games, Home Club, 2

D. m.

Meetings, evening: Masonio-Columbia Lodge, No. 1; Lebanon, No. 2; Columbia Commandery, No. 2; Knights Templar; Royal Arch Chapter School of Instruction: Martha Chapter, No. 4; Order Eastern Star. ters. odd Fellows-Central Lodge, No. 1; Metropo Odd Fellows-Central Lodge, No. 1; Metropolis, No. 18, and Phoenix, No. 28; Magenenu Encampment, No. 4.
Interstate Commerce Commission hearing, mezzanine floor, New Willard.
Concert, Gire Club, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, large ball room, 8 p. m., New Willard.
Dancing, the Home Club, special music.

SATURDAY. National Union-Joseph Henry Council. Odd Fellows-Social and drill, Patriarchs Mil-

interstate Commerce Commission hearing, mezzanine floor, New Willard, Barry memorial dinner, large ball room, New Willard Hiustrated fecture on Slam, by Dr. James H. Gore, Home Club, 8 p. m.

Dancing To Be Featured At Glen Echo Opening

Meetings, evening:

Masonic—Grand Lodge, St. John's Mite Association, Potomac Lodge, No. 3; Mt. Pleasant Chapter, No. 1; Washinaton Commandery, No. 1, Knights Tempiar: Naomi Chapter, No. 2 and Brookland, No. 11, Order Eastern Star.

Knights of Pythias—Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 5; Union, No. 22; Columbia, No. 25; Washington Company, No. 1, Uniform Rank; Friendship Tempie, No. 2, Pythian Sisters, National Union—Postoffice Department Council Maccabees—Golden Rule Tent, No. 2, Pederal City, No. 20, Harmony, No. 2, and Friendship, No. 12; Columbian Encampment, No. 1 National Wholesaje Lidguor Dealers' Association Convention, meetings small hallroom, luncheon in large ballroom, 1 p. m., New Willard.

Interstate Commerce Commission hearing, mezzanine floor and Cabinel work. other things to Glen Echo besides the dancing pavilion—there are so many big dancing pavilion—there are so many big things that it seems hardly fair to select the one and call it the headliner. The Midway will have a lot of new attractions, the children are to be cared for in a brand new playground equipped with every modern appliance to give pleasure to the children mind. The seesaw, sand piles, slides and other features are just what the children want. Special arrangements are being made

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